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SUBJ: PL-480 NEGOTIATIONS - STATUS REPORT

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1. WE APPRECIATE INFORMATION CONTAINED REFTEL AND WILL CONTINUE TO AVOID SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION HERE IN DELHI. PAST CONFUSION APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN PRIMARILY DUE TO POOR COMMUNICATION BETWEEN GOI AND INDIAN EMBASSY BUT WE HOPE THIS HAS BEEN RESOLVED BY NOW.

2. DURING MEETING WITH ECONOMIC COUNSELOR, FEBRUARY 21, BAIJAL STATED THAT TITLE I TEXT HAD BEEN SENT TO PRIME MINISTER FEBRUARY 14 AND SHE HAD APPROVED THE AGREEMENT "LINE BY LINE". BAIJAL STATED THAT IF USG COULD ACCEPT GOI CHANGES AMBASSADOR KAUL WOULD BE AUTHORIZED TO SIGN AGREEMENT WITHOUT FURTHER REFERRAL TO PRIME MINISTER. WE DID NOT GET INTO SPECIFICS TO INDIAN PROPOSED CHANGES AND WE HAVE NO IDEA HOW MUCH "GIVE" THERE IS ON ISSUES OUTLINED REFTEL.

3. RE PARA 2D REFTEL WE THINK IT UNLIKELY GOI WOULD BE WILLING ACCEPT BASMATI EXPORT LIMITATION BASED ON FIVE YEAR AVERAGE. AS NOTED TOFAS 30 GOI IS ACTIVELY PUSHING BASMATI RICE EXPORTS. 1974 EXPORTS ARE LIKELY TO EXCEED EARLIER YEARS AND GOI WILL TRY TO PUSH 1975 EXPORTS AS WELL. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT 1972
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EXPORTS INCLUDE LARGE AMOUNTMF NON-BASMATI RICE TO BANGLA-

DESH. EXCLUDING THIS FROM AVERAGING PROCESS WOULD YIELD FAR TOO
LOW CEILING FOR GOI TO ACCEPT. SINCE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR USG (OR
GOI) TO PREDICT EXACTLY HOW MUCH BASMATI RICE WILL BE EXPORTED
IN 1975 WE HOPE USG CAN ACCEPT NO CEILING OR CEILING AT SOME
LEVEL GOI CAN ACCEPT, E.G., CONSIDERABLY ABOVE 1974 LEVEL.

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